

On page 2, before the first paragraph, please add the following paragraph:

A procedure for the user's individual improvement of sound quality with telephones is made known in EP-A-0 705 016. Before or during a discussion connection, the quality of sound can be improved in the current discussion connection, according to specifications or settings of the user by appropriate equipment in the communication network. For this, the user inputs the desired specifications or settings manually by his/her telephone, or his/her identity is determined automatically by the communications network so that based on the determined identity, whose specifications have been previously set, are recalled from a data base. The improvement of the sound quality, which is dependent on the end equipment or device, is not provided.

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The task is solved by the charactering features in Patent Claim 1.

The invention is based on the fact that a tone control is switched into a corresponding communication connection's audio path, which influences the audio quality in the audio path, dependent on the type of equipment or devices used in the connection, in that the sound is changed in the audio path.

On page 2, please delete the fifth paragraph and replace it with the following paragraph:

Together with the end device, a tone control is configured into one of the audio paths so that it, for example, increases the level with a particularly muffled sounding device. In a further development of the invention, it is provided that the influence of the audio quality is different in the connection direction from the calling user to the called user and from the called user to the calling user.